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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Denis Vardal of Joliet, who passed away on March 27, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, Denis Vardal was born in Mykonos, Greece to Kosta and Kalliopi (Xidakis) Vardalahos on April 20, 1934; he was adopted later in life by Yanni Koukas, his mother's second husband; he came to the United States in 1953 in search of his brother, George, who emigrated two years earlier; and

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WHEREAS, Denis Vardal served in the United States Army during the Korean War; and

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WHEREAS, Denis Vardal founded Vardal Engineering Supply in 1958; and

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WHEREAS, Denis Vardal was a member of Rotary International and the Rotary bowling team; he was a loving and devoted husband, father, and grandfather, and was a father and grandfather to all he met; he was personable, loving, and accepting, and left a lasting impression on everyone; he was a brilliantly passionate man with so many interests; his newest granddaughter, Danira, rarely left his lap; on sunny days, he could be found driving his Alpha Romeo; he loved beating

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1 challengers at cards, backgammon, and Jeopardy; he was a quiet
2 and patient man who appreciated traveling to new and exotic
3 places but always returned to his homeland, Mykonos, for the
4 people, dancing, food, and fun; and

5 WHEREAS, Denis Vardal was preceded in death by his wife,
6 Danira (Corso) Vardal; his parents; his brother, George
7 (Sandra) Vardal; his two sisters in childhood; and his niece,
8 Sande Vardal; and

9 WHEREAS, Denis Vardal is survived by his three loving
10 daughters, Denise (Mark) Baker, Debra (Vasillios Korodimos)
11 Vardal, and Dina Vardal; his three beloved grandchildren,
12 Danira Aiginiti, Alexandros Aiginiti, and Danira Vardal; his
13 niece, Laura Vardal; and his nephew, Paul (Marinela) Vardal;
14 therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
17 Denis Vardal, and extend our sincere condolences to his family,
18 friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the family of Denis Vardal as an expression of our
21 deepest sympathy.